

James H Carr

Biography



Jim Carr is Chief Operating Officer for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, an association of 600 local development organizations across the nation, dedicated to improving the flow of capital to communities and promoting economic mobility. He is also a Visiting Professor at Columbia University in New York and Executive Committee Member with Americans for Financial Reform. Prior to his appointment to NCRC, Jim was Senior Vice President for Financial Innovation, Planning and Research for the Fannie Mae Foundation and Vice President for Housing Research at Fannie Mae. He has also held posts as Assistant Director for Tax Policy with the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, and Research Associate at the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University.

Jim has served on research or policy advisory boards at numerous colleges and universities including Harvard University, University of California-Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Southern California. He is an Advisory Committee Member of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Center for Community Development Investments and previously served on the Corporate Advisory Board of the Urban Financial Services Coalition and Research Advisory Committee for the National Low-Income Housing Coalition. For several years, Jim served as an instructor for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute and expert advisor to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Urban Affairs Project Group in Paris, France. Jim has served as an international advisor on financial modernization and housing finance to China, Mexico, Turkey, and Colombia. He has also served on Congressional delegations to South Africa and Ghana on housing and economic development.

Jim testifies frequently before the United States Congress on issues related to the economy, foreclosure crisis, financial system regulatory reform, housing markets, and wealth disparities and economic mobility. He has published and lectured extensively on housing and urban policy, housing finance, community reinvestment, personal financial services, and state and local finance. He has written and presented papers on technological innovation and workforce diversity. He is particularly recognized for his knowledge about and leadership on development of innovative financial instruments and strategies to promote affordable lending, inner-city development and wealth creation for lower-income households. Jim is former editor of the scholarly journal *Housing Policy Debate*, which received the 1996 Award of Excellence from Washington EdPress for editorial excellence and was rated number one for impact on the field of urban studies by the Institute for Scientific Information. He served for more than a decade as editor of the peer-reviewed publication *Journal of Housing Research*. His recent books include *Replicating Microfinance in the United States* and *Segregation: The Rising Costs for America*.

Jim has appeared on CNN, FOX News, CNBC, Bloomberg, PBS, Cox News and a variety of local news stations in Washington, DC and New York. He has been interviewed on Newsweek on Air, Bloomberg Radio, and National Public Radio. Jim's speeches have been awarded top honors, including the "Best of the Best" award by the International Association of Business Communicators. He has been published in *Vital Speeches of the Day*. Jim's research has been cited and reported in various major newspapers including the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Associated Press* and *Reuters* and dozens of other print outlets. Jim is the Chair of the Columbia University Alumni Trustee Nominating Committee. He has served as Vice Chair of the Washington Urban League, Trustee of the National Cathedral Association, Member of the Board of Directors for The Washington Ballet, and Board Member of SOS Children's Villages USA. Jim has earned numerous professional and academic honors and awards. He is a 2003 Aspen Institute Scholar and recipient of the 2003 Community Impact Award from the National Organization of Black County Officials. He also received the 1999 Distinguished Service Award from Texas Southern University, 1998 Presidential Award by the National Association of Urban Bankers, and an Outstanding Achievement Award by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Training Institute in 1996. Jim holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree with honors from Hampton University, a Master of Urban Planning degree from Columbia University, and a Master of City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.